

To: Stoops, Thomas[TStoops@mt.gov]
From: Vranka, Joe
Sent: Fri 10/13/2017 10:42:19 PM
Subject: RE: west side soils

Hi, Tom:

Below are the questions she has asked us. We have not yet provided a response other than that we would get back to her. I don't have any problem with your response, other than you might just want to say that EPA has not yet begun the work. We do have it planned for a Remedial Investigation start this federal fiscal year – just like we had it planned for last year – but it has not yet begun.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Joe

From: Moler, Robert
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Susan Dunlap <Susan.Dunlap@mtstandard.com>
Cc: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>; Vranka, Joe <vranka.joe@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: west side soils media inquiry

Thanks Susan, we will work on your inquiry and follow up with you soon. Nice talking with you today.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2017, at 12:51 PM, Susan Dunlap <Susan.Dunlap@mtstandard.com> wrote:

Hi Robert and Rich,

I understand that EPA is going to begin the remedial investigation into West Side Soils Priority Unit in fall 2018. Can EPA confirm that?

How long would that be likely to take?

As part of the RI, will EPA establish who the responsible party or parties are?

Has a project manager been established? If not, will one be established before the RI begins?

I assume the RI will establish the boundaries of West Side Soils. Can EPA confirm that?

What will be some of the work for an RI in West Side Soils? Soil sampling?

Will Blacktail Creek east of the Lexington Avenue bridge (boundary for BPSOU) be sampled?

Will Blacktail Creek bed, bank and sediment be sampled east of Lexington Ave. bridge?

Since so much of West Side Soils is comprised of personal property, how will EPA proceed?

Dr. John Ray is calling for the RMAP program to be fully implemented in West Side Soils. I know it is partially implemented there. Would it be possible for the RMAP program to be fully implemented in West Side Soils before the RI is complete?

Deadline Monday end of day.

Thanks,

susan

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Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 3:20 PM

To: Vranka, Joe <vranka.joe@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: west side soils

Thoughts on how to respond?

I'm thinking something along the lines of.....

EPA is the lead agency for work associated with the Westside Soils Operable Unit and has not determined when work associated with that project would begin. Until work is commenced it is premature to determine which of the state's project managers would be assigned the work.

Thoughts,

Tom

From: Ogden, Karen
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Stoops, Thomas
Cc: Ponozzo, Kristi; Garcin, Jenifer
Subject: FW: west side soils

Tom,

We have a new request from Susan Dunlap on Westside Soils. Can you please shoot me the info on her questions below? (or, if you would prefer, I can schedule a time to chat). Her deadline is the end of the day Monday.

Thanks!

Karen

Hi Kristi,

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Does DEQ know yet who will be the DEQ project manager for West Side Soils? If not, any ideas as to when that person will be established?

What will be DEQ's role in the remedial investigation?

With all the budget cuts going on, are there financial constraints on DEQ that will make working

on West Side Soils difficult?

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Thanks,

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From: Garcin, Jenifer

Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 1:44 PM

To: Ogden, Karen; Ponozzo, Kristi

Subject: RE: west side soils

Since its Superfund and I'll be gone Monday, I'll let you run with it. Stoops should have the answers. Keep me looped in.

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From: Ogden, Karen
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 1:13 PM
To: Ponozzo, Kristi; Garcin, Jenifer
Subject: RE: west side soils

Will do.

Jeni: Do you want me to take this, or do you want to handle this one?

From: Ponozzo, Kristi
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 1:01 PM
To: Ogden, Karen; Garcin, Jenifer
Subject: FW: west side soils

Please follow-up with Susan next week – thanks!

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